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COURTS CRACK DOWN  
ON ECONOMIC SABOTEURS

DEATH, PRISON SENTENCES FOR SABOTEURS -- Trybuna Ludu, No 277, 8 Oct 49

The Appellate Court in Olsztyn passed a death sentence on Jan Koziel-Poklewski, formerly director of the state farms in the Olsztyn area, for "sabotage and willful damage to property under his administration."

Stanislaw Kossakowski, chief of personnel division of the State Farm Properties, received a 15-year prison sentence. The third defendant, Jerzy Binzer, was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment.

In the opinion of the court, the defendants acted to "disorganize and undermine" the operation of the state farms. They were charged with having caused damage to the amount of 75 million zlotys.

GETS LIFE IMPRISONMENT -- Trybuna Ludu, No 278, 9 Oct 49

The court in Rypin, Pomorze Wojewodztwo, sentenced Wacław Katamzynski and Tadeusz Fycoalli to life imprisonment and loss of property for economic sabotage. The defendants were charged with diverting 120 tons of grain delivered for storage by the Polish Granaries, and setting fire to a mill, causing the destruction of 60 tons of grain. The defendants has also engaged in a number of illegal activities resulting in losses exceeding 10 million zlotys.

BORDER PATROL PREVENTS ILLEGAL ENTRY, SMUGGLING -- Trybuna Ludu, No 281, 12 Oct 49

The Border Patrol Army, established in 1945 and stationed along the frontiers is coping with the difficult task of preventing illegal crossings and smuggling. Its operations used to meet with apprehension on the part of the local population, which sometimes sheltered smugglers and spys. Now, the border guards have the support of all public-spirited elements. In view of the ever-increasing intensity of the class struggle, the activity of the Border Patrol Army is of particular importance in preventing the entry of spies and imperialists agents into Poland.

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PZZ AND LIGA MORSKA TO MERGE -- Rzeczpospolita, No 281, 12 Oct 49

A meeting called in Szczecin for 30 - 31 October will arrange a merger of the PZZ (Polski Związek Zachodni) and the Liga Morska (Maritime League).

[According to the 1948 Political and Economic Yearbook, the PZZ is a union for the advancement of economic and cultural conditions in the Western provinces and the Liga Morska is a league for the advancement of navigation, shipbuilding, fishing, etc., and for collaboration with Polish groups abroad.]

Under the merger, combined activities will be expanded to meet the requirements of the Six-Year Plan to promote cooperation between the public, the Navy, and the Coast Guard, and vigilance against German fascism.

POSTAL WORKERS PROTEST SABOTAGE -- Rzeczpospolita, No 281, 12 Oct 49

At a meeting of postal and communications workers held on 10 October, a resolution was passed in favor of action against all symptoms of goldbricking, sabotage, and diversion.

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